

Q&A - College Goal Sunday / GEAR UP
High School Financial Aid Update Workshop
November 14, 2008

College Goal Sunday

Can you provide a College Goal Sunday flier to put on school sites?

Yes, go to www.micollegegoal.org or you can contact the EduGuide Office at 517.374.4083.

College Goal Sunday is February 8, 2009 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. The site locations are listed on the Website.

GEAR UP Grant

How does a high school qualify to become a GEAR UP school?

A school does not apply to participate in a GEAR UP grant. If your school is participating in the GEAR UP grant you would have already been informed by your principal and contacted by a GEAR UP coordinator.

GEAR UP schools were selected based on the school/students eligibility to participate in the federally funded free and reduced lunch program. The GEAR UP grant that was referred to at the workshop is housed with the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. Partnering in the grant, are the fifteen, four year public institutions, EduGuide and the Michigan Guaranty Agency of the Department of Treasury. The six year grant follows a cohort of students who began three years ago as seventh grade students and will continue offering early awareness and college access programs to these students through their senior year in high school. Approximately 13,000 students are participating in the program.

Note: there are other GEAR UP grants funded by the federal government. These grants have different criteria for participation and differ in the amount of funding and time period involved.